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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: ANGOLA

1. IN JAN 5 "FACE THE NATION" ADDRESS, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ACKNOWLEDGED CONTRADICTION BETWEEN GOS RECOGNITION OF MPLA AND EARLIER PUBLIC PLEA BY NIMEIRI HIMSELF ASKING AFRICAN STATES WITHHOLD RECOGNITION FROM ALL ANGOLAN FACTIONS. IN PLACE OF AN EXCUSE, NIMEIRI SAID GOS STILL WORKING FOR ANGOLAN NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION OF THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HE CONTINUED: "RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENT OF MPLA WAS NOT RECOGNITION OF PARTY (BUT OF) PEOPLE OF ANGOLA FACING INTERVENTION BY RACIST GOVT IN SOUTH AFRICA."

2. COMMENT: IF NIMEIRI, WHO REPORTEDLY PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION TO RECOGNIZE MPLA, NOT ACTUALLY HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS, HE IS CERTAINLY ATTEMPTING PUT MODERATE FACE OF FAIT ACCOMPLI. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD HAVING AN EFFECT, ALTHOUGH

WE UNDERSTAND CHINESE HERE HAVE ALSO QUIETLY EXPRESSED
THEIR DISPLEASURE. MOREOVER, MASSIVE PUBLICITY
ATTENDING DELIVERY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE (KHARTOUM 0018
NOTAL) HAS AWAKENED HERETOFORE INDIFFERENT SUDANESE PUBLIC TO
CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF NIMEIRI'S ACTION AND OCCASIONED
SOME CRITICISM OF WHAT MIGHT APPEAR TO BE TAKING
SIDES IN A BIG POWER CLASH. NEVERTHELESS, HERE AS ELSE-
WHERE IN AFRICA, SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT GUARANTEED TO OVER-
SHADOW OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WHEN POLICIES NEED EXPLAINING.
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